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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>2/RCE</i>
Application Number
09/118,080
Filing Date
July 17, 1998
First Named Inventor
Warren M. Farnworth
Group Art Unit
2814
Examiner Name
A. Chambliss
Attorney Docket No.
M4065.0067/P067

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on July 2, 2001  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 04-1073

i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 820.00 enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

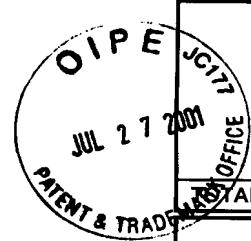
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Signature		Date	July 27, 2001

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 820.00)

Complete if Known	
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## METHOD OF PAYMENT

1.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number	04-1073
Deposit Account Name	

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2.  Payment Enclosed

Check  Credit Card  Money Order  Other

## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					

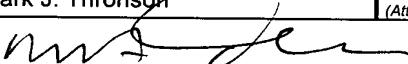
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	19	** =	<input type="text"/> X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>	
Independent Claims	4	** =	<input type="text"/> X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>	
Multiple Dependent			<input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>	

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)					

\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
	105	130		205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
	127	50		227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
	139	130		139	130	Non-English specification	
	147	2,520		147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
	112	920*		112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
	113	1,840*		113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
	115	110		215	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
	116	390		216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
	117	890		217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
	118	1,390		218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
	128	1,890		228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
	119	310		219	155	Notice of Appeal	
	120	310		220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
	121	270		221	135	Request for oral hearing	
	138	1,510		138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
	140	110		240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
	141	1,240		241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
	142	1,240		242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
	143	440		243	220	Design issue fee	
	144	600		244	300	Plant issue fee	
	122	130		122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
	123	50		123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
	126	180		126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
	581	40		581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
	146	710		246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
	149	710		249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
	179	710		279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	710.00
	169	900		169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
	Other fee (specify)						
	*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)	820.00

SUBMITTED BY		Complete (if applicable)			
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